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Mr. R. W. Koch

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Dear Mr. Koch:

I wish I could say I had come upon some additional information on the "Liberator" pistol, but our files on equipment furnished is limited to the info I have already furnished you.

From what I can learn, the Mao forces were never furnished any weapons because of the objection of the Chiang government. In fact, even on an individual basis I learned of a case where an officer offered a few pistols to Mao's officers for services rendered and the offer was refused.

I can't confirm or deny the report that SACO gave 100,000 to Chiang forces. I believe Admiral Miles, who was known as "Mary" Miles, wrote a book on his experiences. Such information might be contained in his book. Also, I have no way of knowing whether or not the Army had a quantity of "Liberator" pistols for use in the Philippines.

OSS did not furnish arms to the Yugoslavs. From what I have read, it appeared to be American policy to play it neutral with the Partisans and the Chetniks. Each side was frequently accusing the Americans of aiding the other, but this seemed to be based on teams operating in each territory seeking to find and rescue downed fliers.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]
Executive Secretary

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